

GOLD MINES OF TEXAS.

LOST PROPERTIES THAT WERE OPERATED OVER A CENTURY AGO.

Two Mines Opened When Texas Was a Part of Mexico Have Been Discovered by Prospectors, and Are Being Worked at a Profit—Fate of Daring Explorers.

The traditions of the lost Spanish gold mines of Texas possess a fascination to the hunter after fortune, says a San Antonio letter to the New York Times. Some of these traditions are not mere fairy tales, but are based on reliable records that are still to be found in the old archives in the city of Monclova, Mexico, which town was the capital of Texas when it was a part of Mexico. These records show that some of these old mines were very rich, and that they were worked on an extensive scale a century or more ago, and that the Spanish government and the Catholic church each received a share of the proceeds.

One of these lost mines was called the San Saba. It was of fabulous richness. The records at Monclova show that in the twenty years that it was worked by the Spaniards over \$5,000,000 of gold ore was taken out. In that early day the mining methods were of the most primitive nature, and the workings were almost entirely on the surface. This being the case it is probable that the real richness of the mine was not known to the Spaniards. The San Saba mine is supposed to be located about seventy-five miles north of here in a rough section of country, which is a part of Mason county. The direction and distance from San Antonio to the mine are given very clearly in the old records, but of the many attempts to find the mine none has proved successful. During the past fifty years no less than twenty expeditions have gone from here in search of the San Saba property.

The earlier expeditions required a considerable amount of daring on the part of the men composing them, and a strange fatality pursued many members of the different parties who have left here in search of the treasure. The first expedition of which there is any authentic record left here in the early forties. The party was accompanied by an old Mexican who claimed to have received information concerning the mine directly from one of the original owners of the property. He acted as guide and led the gold hunters to a rough country. The landmarks noted in the old records were found, and the party believed that it would be an easy matter to find the shaft of the mine. The discovery was almost within their grasp when a band of Comanche Indians swept down upon them and killed all but one member of the expedition. The survivor of this bloody massacre succeeded in making his way back to San Antonio, and related the horrible details of the affair.

A few years later another expedition left here in search of the mine, and all the members of this party were killed by the Indians. In the early seventies a man named Howard went from here to Monclova and secured complete copies of the records of the mine. He organized a party here to go in search of the treasure. Thirty miles north of here they met a band of renegade Indians, and in the fight that ensued three members of the party were killed, and the others returned here and refused to make another trial.

Since then a number of searching parties have gone from here and spent months looking for the lost mine, but it has never been found. The recent discovery of a rich gold vein within twenty miles of the reported location of the lost mine has revived the interest in the hidden wealth, and two exploring parties are now in Mason county looking for it. The new gold discovery was made by Col. A. C. Schryver of this city. He is working his property, and has already shipped four cars of ore to the Puebla smelter, which have netted him \$16,000.

There has long been a legend that there is a lost Spanish gold mine located in what is now Eastland county, Texas. It is reported that this mine has just been rediscovered, and that a sample of the ore has been taken out and assayed. It runs \$240 to the ton.

This mine was worked by the Spaniards seventy-five years ago. Its abandonment was caused by the Indians, who massacred all of the miners and filled up the shaft. The rediscovery of this mine was made by F. L. Johnson of New Orleans, who came into possession of a plot and description of the property while in the city of Mexico a few years ago.

Two Successful Brothers.
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"Nothing, only he is a brother of that famous little horse jockey, Billingsboy, who weighs 98 pounds and makes \$100 a day."—Chicago Tribune.

CUBAN MAIDS AND MATRONS.

Old Time Restrictions No Longer Observed in Havana Society.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Springer, whose husband was attached to our legation in Havana, has excellent opportunities of observing society in Cuba and in Leslie's Weekly she tells something about the maids and matrons of the "Gem of the Antilles."

"Slender, graceful Cuban maids, with smoothly plaited tresses, black as the raven's wing; large, lustrous, dreamy black eyes; clear, pale complexion, resembling the waxen tint of the lily, have their pretty ears filled with dreams of love before they quit the schoolroom. Their peculiar training, restricted sphere as well as early maturity—for in the tropics a girl blooms into womanhood in her thirteenth or fourteenth year—may be the reason why their thoughts turn to love before they have discarded their dolls, braids and short dresses. The strict watch maintained over the tender buds, the cast-iron rules of etiquette which prohibits them from too great indulgence in athletic sports or outdoor life, which a northern maid enjoys, precluding romantic ideas and rendering her less susceptible to tender passion, which is fostered by a secluded existence, may be the reason why Cuban girls look forward to matrimony as a release from these irksome bonds. The romantic manner in which courtship is carried on tends to keep alive their illusions, for lovers usually walk up and down before their lady love's dwelling like a sentinel on duty, because they are debarred from calling on a maiden until they are formally engaged, and then they can only see her in the presence of the family, or exchange tender nothings under the Argus eyes of a mamma, who keeps a strict watch over her offspring.

"Many years ago no gentleman was permitted to touch a lady's hand, but he would bow deeply before her; while nowadays shaking hands is even more common than among our own people. It used to be the height of impropriety for a bride to be seen until the expiration of eight days after the wedding, and she would keep in strict seclusion during that period, while now the bridal couple do not shun society. One of the customs still prevalent is that no gentleman can escort a lady as far as the next corner, although his hair were snowy white, if she were not a member of his own family.

However, greater intercourse with foreign nations, more extended travel—for Cubans are cosmopolitan—have tended to modify many of their customs. There is a peculiar feature in Spanish law which favors lovers. Provided a suitor can support a wife, no matter how low his social condition, and how inferior to that of the girl he loves, if she is willing to marry him in spite of her parents' opposition he can appeal to law, the judge removes her from her own home to a friend's house and the marriage takes place.

"In accordance with Spanish law, no man attains his majority until he is 25, and up to that period he cannot marry without his parents' authorization. The Chamagney district is noted for the beauty of its women, famed for their statuesque, Juno-like forms of generous proportions, regular features, radiant black eyes, luxuriant tresses, cream-like complexion, soft, caressing accent and charming manners, which render them very fascinating. But under these feminine attributes is a strong, determined will.

"The usual order of Cuban beauty of a typical type, has large, dreamy, languid, dark eyes, mouth with soft curves, somewhat like Cupid's bow, red lips, colorless complexion—for roses never bloom on Cuban maidens' cheeks—and their skin rather resembles the jessamine or lily in opaque whiteness—black tresses and a graceful, willowy form, often compared by Cuban poets to the native palm tree in gracefulness and beauty. But there are blondes in Cuba, and they are particularly charming as a different type of beauty, derived from a strain of northern blood, either from Castilian, German, French or Irish ancestry; for many of these people have intermarried with Spanish or Cubans, and their northern origin is revealed in their descendants, their complexion and traits somewhat modified through being born under the blazing rays of the tropic sun."

The Defendant's Pleading.
In a rural district in the west of England there lived an eccentric old farmer, who was continually appearing before the magistrates for allowing his cattle to stray on the highway. During the hearing of his case for a similar offense upon the last occasion he elicited much laughter from the presiding "gentlemen on the bench" and others.

The chairman, addressing the defendant, asked:
"Do you plead guilty or not guilty?"
"Well, yer 'onour, I expects as I be guilty, but don't be too hard on a reg'lar customer."—Spare Moments.

Since the beginning of this century no fewer than fifty-two volcanic islands have arisen out of the sea. Nineteen of that number have since disappeared, and ten are now inhabited.

A Vigorous Battle.

From the New Era, Greensburg, Ind.
The following is a straightforward statement by a veteran of the late war. No comrade will need further proof than their friend's own words, as here given. Squire John Castor, of Newport, Ind., is the narrator, and an honest, respected citizen he is too. He said: "I have been troubled with rheumatism in all my joints ever since I went to the war. It came on me gradually, and kept getting worse until I was unable to do any work. I tried several physicians, but they did me no good. They said my trouble was rheumatism resulting in disease of the heart, and that there was no cure for it. Nevertheless I had lived and fought the disease for thirty years, and did not intend to die simply because they said I must, so I



I Want to Swear to That.

hunted up some remedies for myself, and finally happened on Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I asked some of my neighbors about the medicine, for it had been used by several persons in the community, and they recommended it very highly. I procured a box. The pills helped me right away, and I continued taking them. I commenced taking them last fall, and finished taking the sixth box a few months ago. I am not bothered with the rheumatism now—the medicine has cured me. I can most certainly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

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Blowing Springs.

"I have seen a few blowing springs, and I could never understand how they are formed or the cause for the outward current of air," said Bert Magoffin, of Kentucky, at the Southern. "There is one at Brandenburg, Ky., where the water coming from the spring is strongly impregnated with salt. There is sufficient breeze blowing from the spring to be distinctly felt and to blow a handkerchief quite violently. This breeze is intermittent. There is another one in Walker county, Ga., where the water is fresh and the breeze is considerably stronger. It can be distinctly heard for some distance, and in the hottest weather it is sufficient to keep a person cool and comfortable around the spring. The opening in the mountain where the water flows is small, and when an ear is placed to this opening the wind can be heard as though a strong breeze was constantly blowing inside, while outside not a breath of air may appear to be stirring. I have never heard a reasonable explanation of this phenomena."—[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

A Mercurial Investment.

A well known speculator was sitting in a friend's office one hot day last summer, and during the conversation he informed his friend that he had picked up a cheap thing during the winter. "It stood at 33 then, and yesterday it touched 84." "By jove! What a lucky fellow you are. What was it?" "A thermometer," was the quiet reply."—San Francisco World.

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You can easily convince the man who has lost that it is wrong to gamble.

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